

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Elderly United of Springfield/Clark County

Applicant ID: 13SR143751

Project Name: RSVP of Clark & Madison Counties

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from only the external reviewer on the blended panel. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

External Reviewer's Summary Comments:

Strengths:

In the Strengthening Communities section, the applicant makes a clear connection between objective data, community need, and activities of volunteers, including assessments by key leaders such as the Director of the Second Harvest Food Bank in Clark County.

The applicant provides a clear description of services to veterans and also opportunities for veterans to serve.

In the Recruitment and Development section, the applicant describes its plan to recruit volunteers, assess skills and abilities, and assign to high-quality volunteer assignments. This includes registration forms, interviews, and providing training if needed.

The applicant describes leadership opportunities for volunteers such as service on Boards or leading special groups.

The applicant describes a good plan to achieve diverse volunteer pool, including men and veterans and people with disabilities.

The application has a good plan to inform volunteers of Performance Measure outcomes as a retention and training tool for stations and volunteers.

In the Program Management section, the applicant identifies 8 volunteer stations that will need to be graduated from the program and describes a good plan for doing so over a several month period.

In the Organizational Capacity section, the applicant describes its management team, personnel and the expertise of its sponsor's staff in management and financial controls.

Weaknesses: